

**FALL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2021**

**Representative Town Meeting Appointments:**

*Prior to the Call to Order of the Fall Annual Town Meeting the RTM's of Precinct 1 and 3 met to fill vacancies in their membership in accordance with Section 2-7(B) 1 of the Walpole Town Charter.*

**The following individuals were elected to fill vacancies in their respective precincts:**

*Precinct #1- Brian Foley – 11 Bird Street*

*Precinct #3- Jennifer Hugueley- 45 Highland St*

**The Moderator Appointed the following Tellers: Patrick Hinton (P3), Michael McGrath (P3), Jean Kenney (P7), Jane Bergen (P3), Allyson Hamilton (P2), Catherine Turco-Abate (P3),**

**RTM Members in Attendance:**

PRECINCT 1			PRECINCT 2			PRECINCT 3			PRECINCT 4		
	10/23			10/23			10/23			10/23	
M. Ahigian	Y		M Breen	Y		C Turco -Abate	Y		R Brown	Y	
D Aikens	Y		A Clark	Y		R Augusta	Y		S Brown	Y	
B Foley	Y		T Coyne, III	Y		J. Bergen	Y		J Burke	Y	
E Barrows	Y		C Crocetti	Y		R. Doty	Y		W Carroll	Y	
E Boyd	Y		M Finocchi	Y		J. Fasanello	Y		P. Connelly	Y	
N Dayian	Y		C Fletcher	N		P. Fasanello	Y		V. Connelly	Y	
J Geosits	Y		B Gallivan	Y		J. Fisher	Y		M Cotter	Y	
J Hasenjaeger	Y		J Govatsos	Y		P. Hinton	Y		K. Denitzio	Y	
J Jackson	Y		A Hamilton	Y		J. Karnakis	Y		A. Flowers	Y	
G Maffei	Y		R Jackson	Y		S. Masterson	Y		J. Haner	Y	
K Maffei	Y		N Lane	Y		M. McGrath	Y		S. Hendricks	Y	
J McAndrew	Y		A Lawson	Y		B. Mullen	Y		B. Hickey	Y	
B Mc Millan	Y		J Lombardi	N		J. O'Leary	Y		S. McCarthy	Y	
P Mishra	Y		S. McAuley	Y		R. O'Leary	Y		D. Melish	Y	
J Morley	Y		J McLaughlin	N		M. Ryan	Y		S Naughton	Y	
R Thanduri	Y		D Pedersen	Y		M. Martin-Smith	N		W. O'Connell	Y	
C Walzer	Y		C. Snuffer, Jr	Y		M. Sullivan	N		J. Takacs	Y	
A Williams	Y		C Sullivan	Y		E Wohler	Y		M Trudell	Y	
			A Walsh	Y		J Hugueley	Y				
			L. Whelan-Bratsis	Y							
PRECINCT 5			PRECINCT 6			PRECINCT 7			PRECINCT 8		
	10/23			10/23			10/23			10/23	
E Burdon	Y		W. Abbott	Y		D. Anderson	Y		B Connor	Y	
H Clow, Jr.	Y		S Ahern	Y		B. Barrett	Y		E DiVirgilio, Jr.	Y	
R Cunniff	Y		A Albert	N		R. Buckley	Y		P English	Y	
C Dalton	Y		C Blau	Y		W. Buckley, Jr.	Y		M Gallivan	Y	
P Drogan	Y		D Blau	Y		C. Caron	Y		N Gallivan	Y	
J Fisher	Y		M Boulos	Y		D. Clark	Y		R. Giusti	Y	
D Freiberger	Y		T. Bowen, Jr	N		D. Culhane	Y		K. Greulich	Y	
									Kenney-		
K Garvin	N		T Brown	N		P Czachorowski	Y		K Walsh	Y	
B Goba	N		BJ Burke	Y		E Forsberg	Y		S. Khatib	Y	
D Gondelman	Y		A Cronin	Y		F. Kenney	Y		J. Moraski	Y	
W Hamilton	N		A. Devito	Y		J. Kenney	Y		B. Muccini	Y	
M Harding-Clow	Y		A Grace	Y		A Krekis	Y		N Niles	Y	
E Jackowski	N		J. Healy	Y		J Lee	Y		J. O'Neil	Y	
A LaFleur	Y		J. Hogan	Y		M Markatos	N		N. O'Neil	Y	
									Santiago-		
J Lowre	N		J Lee	Y		K Meszaros	Y		K Taylor	Y	
J Mulligan	Y		W. Lestan	Y		G Noble	Y		S. Shocket	Y	
B Norwell, IV	Y		J. Moseitch	Y		L.. Romanowiz	N		S. Spendley	Y	
									Van der		
C Shinnick	Y		S. Rose	Y		E Sharris	Y		L. Linden	Y	
P Stasiukevicius	N		K. Syrek	Y		D. Shea	Y				

**FALL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WALPOLE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OCTOBER 23, 2021**

*Norfolk, ss.*

*To Any constable in the Town of Walpole*

***Greetings:***

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Walpole, qualified to vote in elections in town affairs, to meet at the Walpole High School located at 275 Common Street in said Walpole on the

***THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN OCTOBER, IT BEING THE  
TWENTY THIRD DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2021***

at 10:00 a.m. then and there to see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws to said Town and act on the following articles:

***Moderator Daniel Bruce called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM on the Turco Memorial Field at High School. All rules and regulations of an Annual Town Meeting were fulfilled and a quorum was present.***

Town Clerk, Elizabeth Gaffey, attested to the proper return of the Warrant in accordance with the Bylaws of the Town of Walpole, Chapter 219, Town Meetings, and Article 1. The Select Board gave notice of the call of the Fall Annual Town Meeting by posting true attested copies of the Warrant calling the same in two (2) public posting places in each of the eight (8) precincts on September 20, 2021.

The Assembly pledged allegiance to the flag.

Town Counsel was represented by: **Lauren Goldberg of K|P Law.**

Dignitaries present: **Congressman Stephen Lynch.**

**It was Moved and Seconded:** To waive the reading of the Warrant.

**DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR**

**It was Moved and Seconded:** That all Motions of the Finance Committee be the Main Motions.

**DECLARED SO VOTED BY THE MODERATOR**

**Resolved**

*That we the Representative Town Meeting Members inscribe upon the record of the Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 23, 2021;*

*Our recognition and sincere appreciation of the contributions rendered by the late **Roger Turner, Jr** who passed away on June 2, 2021;*

*As a member of the Civil Defense/Emergency Management 1992-2021;*

*As a member of the Conservation Commission from 1999 to 2020;*

*As a member of the Historical Commission from 2007-2021;*

*As a member of the Ponds Committee from 1998 and 2005-2011;*

*As an **Elected** Sewer and Water Commissioner from 2002-2017;*

*And as a Representative Town Meeting Member from 2003-2011;*

***And Further***

*In acknowledgement of the Town's loss, we request the Moderator observe a moment of silence in Roger's memory*

***And Further***

*That the Town Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to Roger's family.*

**Resolved**

*That we the Representative Town Meeting Members inscribe upon the record of the Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 23, 2021*

*Our recognition and sincere appreciation of the contributions rendered by the late **Edward P. Damish** who passed away on July 27, 2021;*

*As an Original Representative Town Meeting Member from its inception in 1971 to 1974 in Precinct 4 and a Town Meeting Member in Precinct 3 for 32 years;*

***And Further***

*In acknowledgement of the Town's loss, we request the Moderator observe a moment of silence in Edward's memory*

***And Further***

*That the Town Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to Edward's family.*

**ARTICLE 1: *On Motion by the Finance Committee; It was Moved & Seconded:***

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of any committee or to choose any committee the Town may think proper and transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

A report was given by Catherine Turco Abate (Planning Board and RTM Pct. 3) regarding the Master Plan Steering Committee.

**Moderator Dan Bruce** suggested articles to vote using the consent Agenda. The suggested Articles are 8, 13 and 15.

Joseph Lee (P7) asked to have Article 15 removed from the list.

Consent Agenda articles voted on are Articles 8 and 13.

**ARTICLE 8: *On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:***

That the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$835,999 to resurface, repair and/or reconstruct certain streets, parking lots, paved areas and/or sidewalks, to make drainage improvements in certain Town roads, and to rebuild certain manholes and catch basins in the Town of Walpole, including all incidental and related costs, with the sum of \$771,099 from Chapter 90 funds and \$64,900 from Free Cash, all as more specifically set forth in the sheet titled, "Fall 2021 Capital Budget", found in the Town Meeting Member packet for Article 8 under the columns entitled, "FUNDING SOURCE" and "FIN COM RECOM"; and further, that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 13: *On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:***

That the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash to the FY2022 School Budget the sum of \$293,892, an amount equal to that received from Medicaid reimbursement and student parking fees.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

Motion by John O'Leary to move Article 9 before Article 2 due to funding of Article 9. This proposal to take Article 9 out of order.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED FAVORABLE VOTE BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 9:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,825,000 for the following projects, including the payment of all incidental and related costs:

- Resurface Various Roadways, Sidewalks & Parking Lots    \$1,050,000
- Replace, including equipping of, Fire Engines                         \$775,000

and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and, further that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary and convenient to carry out this project.

***2/3 Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 2:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town raise and appropriate from Taxation the sum of \$430,000 to defray additional departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2022, which commenced on July 1, 2021, and to distribute that amount to the following budgets as follows:

- Elections Salaries                         \$12,000                         01163100
- Elections Expense                         \$18,000                         01163200
- Legal Expenses                             \$50,000                         01151200
- Fire Salaries                                 \$102,000                         01220100
- Fire Expenses                                \$248,000                         01220200

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 3:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$716,914 for the purpose of supplementing the fund known as the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB) as authorized by Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 4:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of supplementing the Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 5:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of supplementing the Capital Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 6:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to transfer funds from the following sources to implement a Capital Improvement Program to protect, improve, and/or modify the physical infrastructure, including but not limited to treatment plants, sewer pump stations, traffic design, turf replacement, facilities and other properties, of the Town of Walpole, as listed in the sheet titled “**Fall 2021 Capital Budget**” that can be found in the Town Meeting Member packet for Article 6 under the columns entitled, “FUNDING SOURCE” and “FIN COM RECOM”; and further, that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects, all as follows:

- The sum of \$4,390,000 from Free Cash
- The sum of \$27,295 from previously approved capital projects

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 7:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$1,322,793 from Free Cash and ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation, in the amounts set forth below, for the purchase and equipping of capital equipment, including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, and computer/network systems, for the various departments of the Town of Walpole, all as more specifically listed in the “**Fall 2021 Capital Budget**” found in the Town Meeting Member packet for Article 7 under the columns entitled, “FUNDING SOURCE” and “FIN COM RECOM” and further, that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects.

- The sum of \$263,008 from Ambulance Receipts
- The sum of \$1,059,785 from Free Cash

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED MOTION PASSED BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 10:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$911,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purchase and equipping of capital equipment and infrastructure, including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, and computer/network systems, all as more specifically listed in the “**Fall 2021 Capital Budget**” found in the Town Meeting Member packet for Article 10 under the columns entitled, “FUNDING SOURCE” and “FIN COM RECOM” Fall 2021 Capital Budget for Article 10 under the column entitled, “FIN COM RECOM”; and further, that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects.

*Majority Vote Required: **DECLARED MOTION PASSED BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 11:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$1,020,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purchase and equipping of capital equipment and infrastructure, including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, and computer/network systems, all as more specifically listed in the “**Fall 2021 Capital Budget**” found in the Town Meeting Member packet for Article 11 under the columns entitled, “FUNDING SOURCE” and “FIN COM RECOM” and further, that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects.

*Majority Vote Required: **DECLARED MOTION PASSED BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 12:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to appropriate \$2,800,000 to pay costs of water main replacements, including the payment of all incidental and related costs, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the, Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §§7 or 8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, .and, further that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary and convenient to carry out this project.

*2/3 Vote Required: **DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 14:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to appropriate the amount of One Hundred fifteen million seven hundred sixty eight thousand and eight hundred fourteen Dollars (\$115,768,814) for the purpose of paying costs of constructing and furnishing a new grades 6-8 combined Middle School to be located at 625 Washington Street, Walpole, MA, the same parcel of land as the current Bird School, including demolition, site preparation and the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Middle School Building Committee and further to authorize the Middle School Building Committee to execute all documents and agreement necessary to effectuate the purpose of this vote; to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of fifty-two and twenty-two hundreds of a percent (52.22%.) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA; provided, further that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

*On Roll Call Vote: 130 RTM's voting: 87 Votes Required: Yes-126 No-4*

*2/3 Vote Required: **DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY THE MODERATOR***

**RECORD OF AMENDMENTS and MOTIONS FOR ARTICLE 14**

Brad Hickey (P4) moved for a Roll Call vote seconded by William Buckley, Jr.(P7) and 20 RTM's as per Rule 5 e i of the Rules Applying to the Conduct of Representative Town Meetings when it is time to vote the Article.

*Majority Vote Required: **DECLARED FAVORABLE VOTE BY THE MODERATOR***

**Request to move the question** by James O'Neil (P8) seconded by William Buckley, Jr. (P7)

*2/3 Vote Required: **DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 15:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to accept the following roads as public ways, listed from A and B, which ways may be voted together, separately, or in any combination, provided, however, that the approval of any or all such ways as public ways shall be treated as if each item were voted as a separate article:

- A. Emerald Way from its beginning at STA 0+00+/- to STA 8+76.73 +/-
- B. Olmsted Lane from its beginning at STA 0+00+/- to its end at STA 4+36 +/-

and, for each, including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise an easement in said streets for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Walpole, and any associated drainage, utility, access or other easements, and further to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the foregoing acquisitions and all incidental and related costs.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 16:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-laws by:

Voting to change the zoning of land owned by The Town of Walpole with an address of 2400 Main Street and identified by the Assessors as Map 55, Block 99, Lot 1, consisting of 63.73 acres, plus or minus, from R (Rural District) to PSRC (Park, School, Recreation, and Conservation District) or do anything related thereto.

***2/3 Vote Required: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY THE MODERATOR***

**ARTICLE 17:**

*On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:*

That the Town vote to petition the General Court to authorize the Select Board to grant one (1) additional Wine and Malt Package Store License in the East Walpole Center Parking Relief Overlay District, and further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

***Majority Vote Required: DECLARED FAVORABLE VOTE BY THE MODERATOR***

**FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 23, 2021  
TOWN OF WALPOLE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**

*October 23, 2021*

*There being no further business to come before this Fall Annual Town Meeting,  
it was Moved by Mark Trudell (Precinct 4), Seconded by Kari Denitzio (Precinct 4) that this  
meeting be dissolved.*

*Motion to dissolve meeting was unanimous as declared by Moderator Daniel F. Bruce at 12:59 PM.*

*A True Copy Attest,*

*Elizabeth Gaffey, Town Clerk*